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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENRY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTH, Melbourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.
CHINA.—SWATOW, QUELOON & CAMPBELL, Amoy. WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Foochow. HEDDER & Co., Shanghai. LAKE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WATSON, Manila, C. HENNING & Co., Macao, L. A. DA GRAÇA.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman.—E. HOPKINS, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
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A. McIVER, Esq.

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Hongkong, .. THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, .. EWER CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
" 12 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
WE have this Day opened a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI.
MR. CARL KREBS has been admitted a Partner from this Date.
MELCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, April 12, 1877. my12

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT for HONGKONG and its vicinity for "THE BOSTON BOARD OF MARINE UNDERWRITERS," by Power of Attorney, dated Boston, U. S., 1st March, 1877.
T. G. LINSTED.
Hongkong, April 20, 1877.

NOTICE.
MR. HENRY L. DENNIS will act as SECRETARY, LIBRARIAN, and CLERK at the CITY HALL from and after the 11th Instant.
By Order of the Committee,
N. B. DENNIS, Secretary.
Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap24

NOTICE.
MR. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT von FUSTAU, Junior, and MR. CONRAD MUNKKE DUNNEN, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.
WM. FUSTAU & Co.,
Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai.
Hongkong, April 16, 1877. my16

NOTICE.
MR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my temporary absence from the Colony.
R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Officers, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.
2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. se18

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
ON and after the 15th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.
WM. ORVOKSHANK, Manager.
Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
WE have this Day Established a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI under the Management of Mr. ALFRED F. O. KRAUSS, who will sign for us by Procuration.
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Canton and Hongkong, April 1, 1877.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this Day Established myself as SHIPPING BROKER at this Port, under my own name.
W. H. SIEGFRIED.
Hongkong, April 20, 1877. my20

Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
HANDSOME ENGLISH & VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from F. PEIL, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, (previous to his departure for Shanghai), on
MONDAY,
the 30th day of April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., (instead of on the day previously advertised), at his Residence, No. 1, Praya East,—
The whole of his HANDSOME ENGLISH and VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—
English-made Suite of Furniture, Covered with Green Damask.
Venetian Inlaid Blackwood Table and Chairs, Blackwood Carved Side Table, Carpet, Hearthrugs, Rep Window Curtains, &c., &c.
Richly Carved Oak Sideboard, Richly Carved Oak-Framed Pier Glass and Flower Stands, Dining Table, Buffet, Whatnots, and Dinner Trays.
Oil Paintings, Oil Cloth, and Clocks.
Dinner and Dessert Sets, Glass-ware, Plated-ware, &c., &c.
Library Oak Book-case and Desks, Inlaid Blackwood Lady's Desk, Tables, Chairs, Easy Chairs, and Chess Table.
Brass Bedsteads, English-made Mahogany Marble-top Dressing Table and Washstand, Wardrobe, with Plate Glass Door, Cheval Glass, &c.
Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Stair Carpet, with Brass Stair Rods, Marble-top Tables, Bronze Statuettes, &c.
Office Furniture, comprising:—Desks, Chairs, Paper Press, Copying Press, Fire-proof Safe, &c., &c.
One HOUSE BOAT and One SKIFF.

After which, at the Godown,—
10 Tons ARTIFICIAL MANURE, 1 SAW MILL, by FORREST & BARR, Engineers, Glasgow.
Also,
1 TURNING LATHE and various MACHINERY.
And,
At the Yard of Messrs Inglis & Co.,—
One 12-H.P. TWIN SCREW ENGINE.
Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on the day of Sale.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap30

Intimations.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE Co.
1875-1877.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE DIVIDEND of One Hundred Taels (Tls. 100) per SHARE, Sanctioned at the General Meeting of Shareholders, held on the 9th Inst., will be Payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK on and after FRIDAY, 18th April, 1877.
Warrants for the Return on Premiums for the Year 1876 will be issued shortly on completion of the adjustment of the Contributory Accounts.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
HERBERT S. MORRIS, Secretary.
Shanghai, April 10, 1877. ap28

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R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Officers, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.
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Intimations.

HONGKONG.
Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,
WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,
38, Queen's Road,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHRONOMETERS,
&c., &c., &c.
Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.
All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876. st

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY.
IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.
Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE
A HONGKONG.
MONSIEUR A. SIENKIEWICZ,
Consul de France à Malte; a remis aujour d'hui à Monsieur G. BOULOUEZ, Chancelier, le Service du Consulat de France à Hongkong et Macao.
Le 16 Avril, 1877. my6

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
IN BANKRUPTCY.
NOTICE.—GEORGE FRANK GRAHAM, at present residing at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Master Mariner, having been adjudged BANKRUPT under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy, on the 10th day of April, 1877, in hereby required to surrender himself to FREDERICK SOWLEY HUFFMAN, Esquire, the Acting Registrar of the said Court, at the first Meeting of the Creditors, to be held before the said Acting Registrar, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of May, A.D. 1877, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day precisely, at the said Court.

The said FREDERICK SOWLEY HUFFMAN, Esquire, is the official Assignee, and the Undersigned are the Solicitors acting in the Bankruptcy.
A Public Sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his final examination, and to make application for his discharge, of which notice will be given in the Hongkong Government Gazette.
At the first Meeting of Creditors the Acting Registrar will receive the proofs of the Debts of Creditors, and the Creditors may choose an Assignee or Assignees of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects.
Notice is also hereby given to all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, not to deliver the same, but to the Official Assignee.
Dated this 21st day of April, 1877.
SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON, Solicitors for the Bankrupt, Supreme Court House.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SEAT-HOLDERS.
THE Annual General Meeting of the SEAT-HOLDERS of ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH will be held at the VESTRY on THURSDAY, the 26th day of April, Instant, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of electing two Trustees for the ensuing year, and for passing the accounts of the Treasurer, under the provisions of Clauses 4 and 16 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1847. Applications for Seats may be made to the Undersigned.
EDMUND SHARP, Trustee and Treasurer to the Body of Trustees.
Supreme Court House, Hongkong, April 19, 1877. ap28

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
PROBATE JURISDICTION.
In the Goods of MICHAEL GONNAN, Deceased.
"JOHN COCKE BRETT,"

NOTICE is hereby given, that in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 5 of 1870, Sec. 8, an Order has been made by FRANCIS SPOWEN, Esquire, Judge of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their CLAIMS against the above Estates to SATURDAY, the 30th day of June, 1877, on or before which Date all Claims must be proved, otherwise they will not be included in the Scheme of Division.
All Persons Indebted to the said Estates are requested to make immediate Payment to the Official Administrator.
F. S. RUFFAN, Acting Registrar.
Hongkong, April 23, 1877. ap28

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.
DR. STOUT intends visiting JAPAN shortly, and would be glad if those who wish to Consult him professionally would make an appointment for an Early Day.
HOURS FOR CONSULTATION:
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
No. 1, Alexandre Terrace.
Hongkong, April 4, 1877.

AN YON,
SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE,
No. 57, Praya West.
SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned hereby notifies that he is the SOLE OWNER of the Chinese Houses known as WAH YIN FONG, in Staunton Street, erected on Inland Lot No. 157. They are all the Property of YEONG SUI, and nobody else has any interest in them, nor has the Undersigned any Partners in this Estate. He issues this notice to prevent disputes.
YEONG SUI,
TAI YIK SHOP.
Hongkong, April 19, 1877. ap28

FOR SALE.
FOR SALE,
THE IRON SCREW STEAMER "ALBAY."
THE above Steamer was built in Glasgow in 1873 by Messrs DOBIE & Co., under special survey of Lloyd's, and Her MACHINERY and BOILER were made by Messrs JAMES HOWDEN & Co., under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general repairs in 1875, when New SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the HONGKONG AND WHARF DOCK COMPANY, and in March of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS.—Length between Perpendiculars, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck, 9 feet 5 inches. Height from Main Deck to under side of Awning Deck, 7 feet 4 1/2 inches.
GROSS TONNAGE.—550 Tons.
CLASS.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyd's.
RIG.—Brig Rigger.
CARGO CAPACITY.—About 9,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet).
DRAFT.—Light 9 feet; Loaded 12 1/2 feet.
SPEED.—Eight knots on consumption of 8 1/2 to 9 tons of coal per 24 hours.
BUNKER CAPACITY.—75 tons coal.
CABIN.—Under Awning Deck aft; saloon, pantry and five state rooms, with accommodation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.
ENGINE.—A pair of Howden's patent High and Low pressure Engines of 80 Horse Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder 25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 45 inches in diameter; Stroke 30 inches.
PROPELLER.—Bassett's Steel of 4 Blades, with One Spare Set of Blades.
WINDMILL.—One Steam Windmill with Donkey Boiler on Deck.
BOILER.—One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 8 Furnaces, tested for a working pressure of 60 pounds.
MORRIS & RAY.
Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE.
A MARINE ENGINE of 20 Horse Power nominal, High and Low pressure, with Extra SURFACE CONDENSER and TUBULAR BOILER. Consumption, 2 Tons per 24 Hours.
The Engine is quite new; was manufactured by Messrs Matthew Paul & Co., Dumbarton, and is now deposited in the Godown of the late firm of Russell & Sturgis, Manila.
Particulars may be obtained on application to
MORRIS & RAY.
Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE.
CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.
Apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, June 23, 1876.

For Sale.

FOR SALE, AT EAST POINT.
FRESH CALIFORNIA HAY AND OATS,
Just Received, ex "Mary Whitridge."
Apply to
L. L. BUSH.
Hongkong, April 19, 1877.

FOR SALE.
THE BRITISH BARQUE "EVENING STAR," 371 TONS REGISTER.
630 tons deadweight.
800 cu of 40 cubic feet.
Capacity { 400,000 superficial feet of Timber.
Between Deck Port—38x14 inches.
Lower Port —33x28
THE BORNEO CO., LIMITED, Agents.
Hongkong, April 19, 1877. ap26

HONG LISTS.
Circular, large sheet.
THE AMENDED HONG LIST in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.
Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.
At the "China Mail" Office.

Shipping.
Steamers.
FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)
The Spanish Steamer "PANAY,"
GOYONCHEA, Master, will leave as above on or about WEDNESDAY Next, the 26th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 19, 1877.

FOR SHANGHAI & HANKOW.
The British Steamship "TARTAR,"
JOHNSON, Master, will be despatched as above on or about the 28th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
WM. FUSTAU & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 16, 1877.

FOR COOKTOWN.
The British Steamer "JUAN,"
Capt. SPOCK, will have immediate despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, April 20, 1877.

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish Steamer "SORSOGON,"
Captain LIZARRA, will have early despatch.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, April 20, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.
FOR LONDON.
The 41 British Clipper Ship "LEUCADIA,"
MEANS, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, April 20, 1877.

FOR LONDON.
The British Ship "ANGLO SAXON,"
C. HARRINGTON, Master, will load here and have immediate despatch.
For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, March 9, 1877.

FOR LONDON.
The 41 Clipper Ship "NYASSA,"
GARRIBOLD, Master, will have quick despatch as above.
For Freight, apply to
WM. FUSTAU & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 11, 1877.

FOR BATAVIA & SAMARANG.
The British Bark "MARQUIS OF ARGYLL,"
Captain McNAM, will load here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
HOF KEE & Co.
Hongkong, April 7, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.
FOR MANILA.
The Spanish Bark "TERESA,"
CERRADA, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 20th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 3, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.
The 41 American Bark "ALBERT RUSSELL,"
Captain CANNY, will load here and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, April 20, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The 41 American Bark "ROSETTA MONELL,"
Brown, Master, will load here and will have immediate despatch as above.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, April 14, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The Russian Bark "BURIK,"
BURGELAND, Master, will have quick despatch as above.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, April 5, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.
The 41 American Ship "MYSTIC BELLE,"
PLUMER, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, March 10, 1877.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
S. S. SINDH.
NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. India, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 11 o'clock To-day, requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 28th Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DE POEY, Agent.
Hongkong, April 19, 1877. ap26

GERMAN STEAMER FERONIA,
H. SCHULTZ, Master, FROM HAMBURG via SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.
Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.
Goods remaining in store after the 27th Instant will be subject to rent.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary is given until Noon To-day.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
WM. FUSTAU & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 20, 1877. ap27

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.
THE S. S. Glenageary, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary is given before 10 a.m. To-morrow, the 21st Instant.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 20, 1877. ap27

Intimations.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plummer.—Stimson & Co.
ROSLIN, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
ROSETTA MCNEIL, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
ARGONAUT, British ship, Captain John Anderson.—Mayer & Co.
NYSSA, British ship, Captain W. S. Garriock.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
CORINNE, British Barque, Captain Wm. Robertson.—Wiesler & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Captain FITZMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 25th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, April 23, 1877. ap25

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Departure of the S. S. "GADSHILL" for the above Ports is unavoidably postponed until THURSDAY, the 26th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, April 23, 1877. ap26

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

F. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. ZAMBESI.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the INDUS and SIAM from London, and POONAH from Calcutta, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godown, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date. Goods not delivered by the 25th Instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND, Superintendent. Hongkong, April 23, 1877. ap27

TANJONG PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, SINGAPORE.

THE BUSINESS of this Company was Resumed immediately after the Fire. Vessels will obtain the usual Despatch and Coal Supplies.

E. M. SMITH, Manager. April 23, 1877. my23

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY,

the 25th April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at No. 31, Queen's Road, -

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Damask Covered Chairs, Couches, Pictures, Mirrors, Glass and Crockery Ware, Sideboard, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Glasses, &c., &c.

TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer. Hongkong, April 23, 1877. ap25

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 21, Kronprindsen, Danish barque, from Whampoa.

April 22, Gambesi, British steamer, 1542, Alfred Symons, Bombay April 3, Gallo 8, Pongang 14, and Singapore 16, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

April 22, Peng Chow Hai, Chinese gun boat, from a cruise.

April 22, Amoy, British steamer, 614, G. H. Drowe, Shanghai April 16, and Swatow 21, General.—Stimson & Co.

April 22, H.M.S. Hornet, 404, H. N. Hippialey, Amoy April 20.

April 22, Sophia, German brig, 210, H. Binge, Bangkok March 18, Rice.—Wiesler & Co.

April 23, H.M.S. Fly, 424, John Bruce, Melbourn and Pakhoi April 21.

April 23, Olympia, German steamer, 774, J. Nagel, Holbohm April 22, General.—Stimson & Co.

April 23, Mexico, British steamer, 557, Johnson, Saigon April 18, Rice.—Hagedorn & Co.

April 23, Benary, British steamer, 1110, J. Potter, Foochow April 21, Baller.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

April 23, Falcon, British barque, 888, J. H. Vis, Bangkok March 23, Rice.—York & How.

April 23, A. T. Stallmecht, German barque, 539, P. P. Schmitt, Bangkok March 30, Rice.—Stimson & Co.

April 23, Bertha, British steamer, 1421, S. Windham, Cardiff Feb. 16, via ports of call, and Singapore April 15, Coal.—Mayer & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 22, Norge, for Swatow.
22, Taiwan, for Coast Ports.
22, Amoy, for Canton.
22, Killarney, for Saigon.
22, Ching Tsing, for a cruise.
22, Humboldt, for Manila.
22, Malacca, for Yokohama.

CLEARED.

Corinne, for Bangkok.
Naveo Constant, for Manila.
Anglo Saxon, for London.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Zambesi, for Hongkong: from Southampton, Surgeon Major J. A. Hanbury; from Brindisi, H. E. the Right Hon. Mr. Pope Hennessy, Governor of Hongkong, Mrs. Pope Hennessy, child and maid, and Mr. G. Oliver; from Bombay, Mr. D. T. Roberts; from Penang, 6 Chinese; from Singapore, The Hon. C. B. Plunkett, Surgeon L'Estrange and servant, Lieut. M. Callum, R.E., Corporal R. Ivy, and Private H. Kirby, A.H.C., Mr. H. P. White, and 56 Chinese, and 4 Chinese for Amoy, and 56 Chinese, from Southampton, Mrs. Lemarchand, Miss Robinson, Dr. Huppé, Messrs P. Dank, and F. Park; from Brindisi, Mr. and Mrs. Schönfeld, and Mr. E. Gammon. For Yokohama: from Southampton, Mr. H. E. Tripp.
Per Amoy, from Shanghai, &c., Mr. W. Bird, 1 European deck and 74 Chinese.
Per Olympia, from Holbohm, 1 European deck, and 35 Chinese.
Per Mecca, from Saigon, 18 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per Taiwan, for Amoy, Mr. Haalohe.
Per Malacca, for Yokohama, Pow Choy Choo and wife, and Mr. H. E. Tripp.
Per Norge, for Swatow, 288 Chinese.
Per Killarney, for Saigon, 40 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Amoy reports: Had moderate to fresh N.E. winds and thick rainy weather throughout the passage. Passed S. S. Chinkiang in Bonham Pass and S. S. Ningpo off Tung Ting.

The German steamer Olympia reports: Moderate S.E. winds and foggy weather throughout the passage.
The British steamer Mecca reports: Moderate and fine weather throughout.

The British barque Falcon reports: In the Gulf of Siam S.W. wind, thence N.E. winds to 11 N. and thence Easterly to 19 N., after which to arrival moderate N.E. winds, with very high N.E. swell and low Barometer, 29.74.

The German barque A. T. Stallmecht reports: Left Bangkok on the 20th of March, had light S.W. winds in the Gulf as far as Pulo Obi, after this had Easterly winds with heavy sea to Cape Varella; then got S.W. winds for two days, after which experienced a heavy gale from the N.E.

CARGO.

Per Geelong, sailed 21st April, 1877:—For London: from Shanghai, 494 bales Raw Silk; from Yokohama, 15 bales Raw Silk. For Continent: from Yokohama, 5 bales Raw Silk. For Malta: from Amoy, 102 pkgs. Tea.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For MANILA.—

Per Barque CARMEN, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 24th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.—

Per DOUGLAS, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 25th inst.

For BANGKOK.—

Per DANUBE, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 25th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—

Per GADSHILL, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 26th inst., instead of as previously notified.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet IRAOU-ADDY, will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Mauritius, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 27th Inst.—

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NEWS BOX, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 28th Inst.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters closes.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

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MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet GADSHILL will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 1st May, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters closes.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.

2.30 p.m. Correspondence for Japan & the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage until

2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

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General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, April 25:—
Noon.—Douglas leaves for Coast Ports.
2 p.m.—Furniture Sale, at Lane, Crawford's, Queen's Road.
Penny leaves for Manila on or about this date.

THURSDAY, April 26:—
3 p.m.—Gadshill leaves for Singapore and Penang.
4.30 p.m.—Meeting of Seat-holders of St. John's Cathedral.
Goods per Sindh undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

FRIDAY, April 27:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.
Goods per Feronia undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per Glenegles undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, April 28:—
Tartar leaves for Shanghai and Hankow on or about this date.
Goods per Zambesi undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, April 29:—
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at Mr. F. Fell's residence, Praya East.

TUESDAY, May 1:—
9 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, May 2:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Creditors in re George Frank Graham, a Bankrupt, at the Court House.

THURSDAY, May 3:—
8 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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BIRTHS.

On the 20th Feb., at the Pines, Coburg, Ontario, the wife of John Burd, Jun., of a daughter.
On the 9th March, at Hillside, Elstree, the wife of David Munro, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

On her passage to England, aged 28 years, Agnes Emma, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Outhbertson (late of Shanghai), Adelaide, South Australia, and grand-daughter of James Lister, J. P., of Liverpool.

On the 28th Feb., at Le Chateau du Palais, Eugène, Indre, France, H. E. Monsieur De Bourbonlont, late French Minister Plenipotentiary Extraordinary at Peking.

On the 10th March, at 21, Upper Brook-street, Thomas Mills Goodlake, of Wadley-house, Berkshire, aged 62.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 1877.

THE medical reports for the half year ending September 30th 1876, prepared by the Surgeons to the Customs at the various Treaty Ports in China, furnish the usual statistics respecting the health of these places.

At Swatow there seems to have been no death among the foreign residents. There were, however, 33 cases of disease, chiefly intermittent fever and diarrhoea. The total number of foreign residents at the Port is 150. "The climate of Swatow," says the Surgeon (Doctor E. Scott), "is one of the healthiest and most delightful in the world. The summer months are not very hot; the maximum of the last six months (29th and 30th July) was 88°, and on the nights following these days the mercury fell to 79° and 81°. It is always so here; the days are hot, but there is enough fall at night to make the air pleasantly cool yet not enough to produce chill. Even in the hottest weather there is daily a refreshing breeze which gives bloom to the cheeks and vigour to the frames of the most feeble. I have seen delicate children brought here almost dying who have got well and strong in a short time; and delicate adults who could hardly exist at home, or in other parts of China, quickly gain strength in this genial climate. The principal part of the population is due to the shipping, and from it the list of diseases is principally made up. Intermittent fever is common among sailors, who sleep on the decks of their ships with little covering, and who swim under the hot sun. Whether partially protected or not by a hat, a man who swims at an unreasonable time is almost certain to be prostrated by fever within twenty-four hours. Apart from these causes, fever is rare, and ague is almost unknown."

At Amoy the number of deaths among the foreign community was unusually large; a fact attributed not to the prevalence of any particular disease, but to an unusual number of serious cases of different diseases. There were nine deaths against only one in the previous six months. The highest day temperature was 93, recorded at noon on the 5th September; the mean temperature of

the six months, however, was low, and the summer was on the whole an exceptionally cool one.

At Shanghai the total number of deaths from disease was 24, of which 5 were those of infants. During the same period last year there were 12 deaths of adults. Five of the adults died from heart disease and aneurism. "In a former number," says the Surgeon (Dr. Jamieson), "I drew attention to the danger of using Shanghai ice for the cooling of beverages, except with the precaution of making the cooling moderate. The practice of allowing lumps of ice to dissolve in a fluid intended to be drunk is here always dangerous, and may at any moment prove disastrous. People who adopt it fancy that they escape danger by washing the fragments of ice before they are brought to table, an assumption utterly at variance with common sense—or hold that the process of freezing, like that of prolonged boiling, destroys all living germs. The pseudo-scientific character of the last-mentioned error makes it all the more difficult to combat. It must suffice to say that the idea that impure water can be frozen into pure ice is absolutely false."

At Hankow, Doctor Reid reports, the year 1876 was characterised by the comparative coolness and dryness of the summer and the unusual prevalence of brooms during day and night. Notwithstanding this, it was by no means a healthier one than usual. Throughout the latter summer and the autumn months, the district lying behind the Settlement was inundated, and the unfilled lots of the latter were either marshes or covered with a thin sheet of water varying with the fluctuations of the Yangtze. The vapours arising from these filthy pools rendered their neighbourhood extremely unpleasant, and were probably one of the chief sources of the prevalent malarious disorders. "Although a marshy district and wet decaying organic matter," adds the Doctor, "are not the only necessary factors in the production of malaria, which is occasionally met with in a dry soil and even in mountainous regions at a height of several thousand feet, yet there can be no doubt that there is often a causative relationship between them, for in numerous instances malaria has disappeared or diminished according to the drainage and cultivation of the soil, or even in correspondence with the dryness of the year. In spite of much well-known facts, and the notorious unhealthiness of river banks in the East, there is here apparently no sanitary regulation applicable to the British Concession, under which landowners could be compelled to raise the vacant lots above the average summer level of the river, and thus remove a dangerous nuisance from our midst."

There are no returns for either Canton or Foochow.

ARRIVAL OF H. E. MR. JOHN POPE HENNESSY.

The P. & O. steamer Zambesi, with H. E. the Governor, Mr. John Pope Hennessy, and Mrs. Hennessy, on board, arrived in Harbour yesterday afternoon, and anchored at the West Point Wharf about half-past 5 o'clock. A profusion of flags was displayed from the mail steamer, as she hailed alongside, in honour of the occasion. The harbour gun intimating the steamer's approach was fired at about 4.45, so that timely warning was given to all concerned to be in readiness to obey the summons issued by the Acting Colonial Secretary, inviting the Community "to attend His Excellency's landing at Peddar's Wharf," which it was stated would "probably take place shortly after the steamer shall have anchored."

It would appear, however, looking at the matter retrospectively, and impartially, that landing Governors is not our "forte." To judge by the blundering hap-hazard manner in which so many of these state ceremonies have been carried out, in our experience, it is somewhat astonishing that we have succeeded in getting our Administrators conveyed into Government House at all. On the present occasion, although every one was supposed to be in readiness, all appeared to be taken by surprise. H. E. the Administrator, who is generally punctual to a fault, was at the Peak, and from some cause or other did not arrive until an hour after everybody expected him. On Peddar's Wharf the notables and others began to assemble about 6.30, the crowd gradually increasing as the "dead lock" extended into the shades of evening. Major General Sir F. Colborne, attended by his Military Secretary, appeared on horseback; but he at once proceeded to the P. & O. Wharf (where the Governor and party were awaiting events), on perceiving the real position of affairs. Amongst those who added their weight to the welcome were—Sir John Steno (chief justice), Hon. the Attorney General, Hon. J. M. Price, Mr. Wodehouse, Captain O'Connell, Col. Bassano, Col. Dickens, Hon. W. Keewick, Mr. H. B. Gibb, Dr. Gilbourn, Dr. Ayres, Mr. F. Stewart, Bishop Raimondi, Mr. C. May, Mr. J. Russell, Dr. O'Brien, Rev. Dr. E. Ellis, Rev. A. B. Hutchinson, Dr. Wherry, Lord Leith and Stott, Mr. J. J. Francis, Mr. J. J. de Remondis, most of the Foreign Consuls representing the various nationalities of which our mixed community is composed, and a large number of other residents of all nationalities. Quite an assembly

of ladies were accommodated in the verandah of Messrs Melchers & Co., opposite the Wharf. A Guard of Honour from the 28th Regt., which arrived accompanied by the Band, was drawn up near the Wharf; while the road leading from the Wharf to the Clock Tower was lined with Silk Constables. The Hon. J. G. Austin hurried on to the Wharf about 6.30, and immediately proceeded westward in the steam-launch to the Zambesi, to receive His Excellency and party. One salute was fired from the Murray Battery at 6 o'clock; and salutes from the Victor Emanuel followed some time afterwards. The salute from the shore is said to have been somewhat faulty, and had to be fired over again this morning, to make "assurances doubly sure." At 10 minutes before 7 o'clock, when it was just light enough to see the outline of the personages to whom all had assembled to do honour, the launch returned. His Excellency and suite, accompanied by Mr. Austin and Mr. C. C. Smith, at once disembarked, and drove off amid the cheers of those whose patience had held out to the bitter end.

It is stated that Mr. Hennessy is the first Governor who has been cheered on landing in Hongkong; and if this be the case, it is to be hoped the circumstance will be an augury of a prosperous administration amongst us. One thing is certain, that, so long as Governor Hennessy exhibits the English qualities of fairness, impartiality, honesty and straightforwardness, he may safely calculate upon the hearty support of all classes of the Hongkong community.

THE INSTALLATION OF H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

To-day, at noon, a meeting of the Legislative Council was held for the purpose of wearing in H. E. John Pope Hennessy as Governor of this Colony. Besides members of the Council, there were present Colonel Bassano, C.B., most of the chiefs of the various Colonial Offices, and numerous foreign and native private residents. A guard of honour and the Band from the 28th Regiment were in attendance. His Excellency entered the Council Chamber a few minutes after 12 o'clock, his arrival having been heralded by a salute from the shore battery, and the ringing of the bells of St. John's Cathedral Church and the R. C. Cathedral Church. Immediately on entering the room His Excellency read the despatch from Earl Carnarvon enclosing his commission. The latter he then handed to the Clerk of the Council, Mr. Wodehouse, by whom it was read. The oaths were then administered to His Excellency by the Chief Justice, and that proceeding having been duly performed,

His Excellency said: "Gentlemen, this is the second time that it has been my good fortune to succeed Sir Arthur Kennedy in the administration of a Colony. I say my good fortune, because it is of importance to any man, under such circumstances as these, to have before him the example of such an administration as that of your late Governor; although, indeed, in one respect it is unfortunate, for I believe it will be impossible for me, however arduous my exertions may be and however great my anxiety to discharge the high duties that Her Majesty's Government has conferred upon me, to emulate Sir Arthur Kennedy in the success with which he discharged his duties, and the popularity which he enjoyed from all classes in this Colony. I shall endeavour to follow in his distinguished footsteps. I believe there is in this Colony one point of importance above all others to which he directed his attention, and which I certainly shall not neglect. There is no Colony in the British Empire superior to Hongkong in the fact that it is, perhaps, of all the distant portions of the British Empire, the most important in its commercial relations. Though small in its dimensions it rivals the greatest colonies under the Crown in regard to mercantile transactions. To promote and, if need be, to protect those commercial proceedings shall be the main policy of my administration.

Mr. Wodehouse then read the minutes of the last meeting.

There being no other business before the Council, the proceedings then terminated.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE letter from our London Correspondent dated Feb. 16th, which appears in another column was delayed in transmission.

THE maximum temperature during the last week at the Harbour Master's Office was 81.8, and the minimum 61.0; at the Peak, the maximum was 70.5, and the minimum 56.6. The quantity of rain falling during the week was 1.55 inches.

A MARTIN belonging to H.M.S. Charleydis has been missing since Thursday last, and his body was picked up yesterday afternoon about 4 past 8 and taken on board the Meane Hospital ship. The body was very much disfigured.

THE steamer Bertha, which arrived here to-day, belonging to the German Steam

Shipping Company, Limited, left Cardiff on February 15th, Singapore 15th April. She is a fine steamer, and we understand is intended to trade for some time on the coast; she has a fine saloon and excellent accommodation for passengers.

THE Band of the 28th Regiment will perform the following programme to-morrow evening:—

Overture, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," N. Nicolai.
Selection, "The Princess of Trebizond," Offenbach.
Aria, "Il Traviatore," Verdi.
Valse, "Tout à Vous," Waldteufel.
Selection, "La Gazza Ladra," Rossini.
Polka, "The Cornet," Arban.

AMONG other damages caused by the heavy rain-fall of Saturday forenoon, a landslide occurred on the hill-side above Mr. Dorabjee's new Bungalow in Robbison Road. About fifteen or twenty tons of earth, together with several large boulders and smaller pieces of stone, came down from a great height, and the noise thus caused startled the whole of the neighbouring residents. A cow-house which is immediately underneath, was slightly injured, but no other damage was caused to life or property.

An inquest was held this day on the body of a marine named Joseph McMillan at the Naval Hospital by Mr. James Russell, Coroner, with Messrs W. H. F. Darby, J. Rhodes and Wm. A. F. Schmidt, as J. P. From the evidence it appeared that the deceased, who was a marine on board H. M. S. Charleydis, was on sentry duty on board on the night of the 17th inst. He was suddenly missed at a short time before 8 p.m., and every search was made for him. He could not be found, and the general opinion was that he must have fallen overboard or gone ashore. Nothing more was heard of him until yesterday, when his body was found floating near H. M. S. Modeste. The Jury returned a verdict of "found drowned."

A coroner's inquest was opened at the Lock Hospital this afternoon before Coroner and J. P., comprising Messrs L. Mallory, J. B. White and C. J. Oorlor, on the body of a woman named Tsang Akin, 38 years and her son How Akan, 14 years, who were crushed to death by the falling of a boat-shed at Tai Kok Su, British Kowloon, on Sunday morning, the 22nd instant. The deceased went to the shed for shelter during a heavy shower of rain. The witnesses not being in attendance, the inquest was adjourned till to-morrow at 9.30 p.m.

THE report of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade for the quarter ending the 31st March states "that the regular inspections and parades were held on the 25th January, 3rd March, and 8th April, at which were present the Government steam and manual engines, and the manual engines of the Chinese associations. They were examined and worked, and all found in order. The fire-ladders, extinguishers, implements, hose, and general equipment were also found to be clean and correct. The engineer made monthly reports of the state of the engines. A fire occurred on the 5th March last in some huts at Garden Lane, West Point, which was duly reported. The manual engines at Shaui Kai, Yow-mah-tee, and Aberdeen have been examined and found in order."

THE following notifications appear in the Government Gazette of Saturday last:—A Consular notification announcing the appointment of Mr. Alexander S. Harvey to be Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Pakhoi, and declaring that port to have been formally opened to British trade. Customs business will be conducted under regulations similar to those in force; in other treaty ports.—That H. E. the Administrator has been pleased to recognise provisionally M. G. Boulouze as in charge of the French Consulate at this port.—That H. E. the Administrator has provisionally appointed Mr. H. E. Thomsett, R.N., to be collector of light dues vice Mr. J. P. McKinnon, R.N., appointed Acting Deputy Superintendent of Police.—That a reward of \$50 is offered by Government for information leading to the apprehension of the person or persons, who on the night of the 15th inst. entered the Protestant Cemetery and out down, uprooted, and otherwise destroyed several young trees, plants, and flowers. A free pardon will be given to any person implicated in the crime who may give the above information provided he be not the actual perpetrator thereof.

At the Marine Court to-day, Samuel Jenkins (fireman) and George Vale (cook) of the British steamer Macgregor, were charged with being drunk and disorderly on board their vessel. The defendants, who both admitted the charge of drunkenness, were fined \$1 each or 2 days' imprisonment.

Ho Anui, a boatman, was charged by Inspector Swanton with leaving the Harbour of Victoria without a clearance. The case was remanded from the Police Court, and on being brought before the Marine Magistrate to-day the defendant pleaded ignorance of the law, and was fined one dollar or 8 days' imprisonment.

Li Sin, master of the junk Sam Tai, was charged with leaving Yau-mah-tee without a clearance. The defendant pleaded that he had not been here before, and was very sorry he had broken the law. He was therefore merely cautioned to be more careful in future.

John Stephenson, boatman of the British ship Argonaut, was charged with being drunk and creating a disturbance on board the vessel. He had nothing to say in defence and was sent to goal for 8 days with hard labour.

Robert Smith, aged 28 and a native of Southampton, employed as a fireman on board the S. S. Fenice, was charged by the Chief Engineer (Adam Robertson) with having used abusive language to the 2d

Engineer. The plaintiff said that the defendant was not drunk and he had no charge of that sort to prefer against him. He should like to get rid of him. The case was remanded from the Police Court on Saturday; and the Harbour Master, after due consideration of the case, fined the defendant \$5 or 10 days' imprisonment.

(L. & C. Express, March 16.)

The project which was some time since entertained of separating the military command of the Straits Settlements from that of China has been abandoned.

Fleet Surgeon G. F. A. Drew has been appointed to the *Audacious*, flag ship of the China Squadron.

New York, March 12.—The *B. Thuy*, Hong Kong to this port, is ashore at Herford Island. The tide flows in and over her. All the cargo will probably be saved, but the hull will probably be a total loss.

The *Lucia*, of London, Crowley, arrived here from Hong Kong, reports that in lat. 24, long. 65, she experienced very unsettled weather, the wind veering all round the compass and blowing with hurricane violence; sustained slight damage about deck and blew away lower mastsails.

Buttons.—The following letter, in which the writer is evidently thinking of buttons not feathers, appears in the *Globe*:—"I noticed at the levee that the two Celestials who stood on the footboard behind the Chinese Ministers' carriage wore feathers in their caps—as far as I could see very much the same sort of feathers the Ministers themselves wore. I have always thought that no Chinese under the rank of mandarin was entitled to wear a feather in the cap. Can you enlighten me on this point?"

A prospectus has been issued of a proposed yachting voyage round the world in August next, in the screw steamer *Sumatra*, 2,400 tons, which is to be fitted with every comfort. The journey will be to the ports of Spain and of the Mediterranean, and through the Suez Canal to China and Japan, and thence to San Francisco, round to New York, and home. Those passengers who prefer visiting the American Continent will be provided with the railway pass to enable them to do so. The passage money is to be \$500, which will include everything but wines.

Vice-Admiral Lord William Compton, who has succeeded to the Marquisate of Northampton by the death of his brother, saw considerable service in the *Wellington*, 72, Commander Sir James Bremer, in which ship he took part in the Chinese war. When in command jointly with Acting Lieutenant G. Campbell Fowler and John Astle of the *Wellesley*, he had the good fortune of preserving the ship, then in the *Bores Light*, from a formidable and well-planned attempt made on the part of the Chinese to destroy her by means of a flotilla of nearly twenty-five vessels, the whole of which, though in many instances chained in couples, and some even three together, were towed clear, without doing the slightest injury. He afterwards, in October of the same year, commanded the *Wellesley's* boats at the capture of Chinghai. These gallant services were mentioned in the *Gazette*, and he was rewarded by being promoted to the rank of commander.

Hamburg, March 13th.—During the last fortnight shipping has been rather brisk, a good many arrivals from Transatlantic ports as well as departures in these directions have taken place, and business seems again to take up a little. Of arrivals from the Far East we can report the *White Adder*, Betham, from Japan, and the *Ada*, Alala, from Higo (Japan). Of departures are to be registered the *Ferontia*, s.s., Capt. Schultz, for the usual route to Penang, &c.; *Theresa*, Waever, for Apia; *Joh. Friedrich*, Kroncke, for Singapore, and *Blankenese*, Spiesen, for the Amoor, all from here. The *Galatea*, Jaeger, sailed from Bremen to East India. On the 16th inst. the *Germania*, English Secretary of Legation, proceeded on the 10th inst. to Brighton, where they were entertained by Mr. Ashbury, M.P., and visited the Aquarium; and in the evening were present at the Pavilion Dance, where Mr. Ashbury addressed over 3,000 persons on his recent tour round the world. He took occasion to speak in very courteous terms of the Chinese Legation in London, which he trusted would lead to an extension of amicable relations between England and China.

A movement has been set on foot in London with a view to working business in China, that the market for Teas shall be at Shanghai, and not at the River ports. The measures which have been taken with this object have not been sufficiently matured to produce any result for the coming season; but it is, we are informed, hoped that this may be accomplished next year.

We have to record the death of Mons. De Bourboulon, who was in early days the representative of France in Macao, and the first Minister for that country at Peking, after the ratification of the Peking Treaty in 1860, when the Ministers of Foreign Nations were admitted to the capital.

Professor Chenery and Sir Henry Rawlinson are appointed delegates for London at the sitting of the Congress of Orientalists at Florence, to be held in September, 1877. Professor Legge, for Oxford; Professor Wright, for Cambridge; and Dr. Muir for Edinburgh.

CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Feb. 18, 1877.

The interest in the Chinese Embassy does not seem to have been of very long duration; and the audience with Her Majesty being now at an end, matters seem to have subsided into a comparatively quiet groove. Their Excellencies are, however, commencing to go about a little and to take stock of the various lions in the Metropolis. A few nights ago, they favoured Madame Tussaud's wax-work exhibition with their august presence; and were probably as much stared at as any of the other figures in the room. I must own to a feeling of surprise at the remarkably easy way in which the Chinese take to the new state of

life in which they find themselves. They all, from the Ambassadors down to the coolies, seem just as happy and just as much at their ease as if they were still amidst the familiar surroundings of their dearer beloved Central Kingdom. The Chinese have a saving conceit which prevents their being put out under any conceivable circumstances. If they feel surprised at the things they see, they certainly do not manifest it; and one might almost think from the way they behave, that they had been among foreigners and in foreign cities all their lives.

Nothing as yet has leaked out as to what is likely to be the upshot of the present negotiations. The papers here have generally taken a very *outré* view of affairs; but after all, when we get to the plain facts, we do not as yet know whether the apology which has been made by Kuo-Tah-Jen has been considered satisfactory or whether the Home Government will confirm Sir Thomas Wade's Convention. There is, however, so much political uncertainty as to the outcome of the Eastern Question, which, notwithstanding all the efforts to settle it at the Conference, still drags its weary length along, that we may be certain Government will be disposed to give even less attention than usual to Chinese affairs. The chances, therefore, are that negotiations will slip through easily, the Chinese Ambassadors settle down at home; and the new "order of things" inaugurated by their being a Chinese Embassy in London becomes, for what it may be worth, permanently established.

The Governor designate for Hongkong is stilljourning in Ireland; and from what I can make out is not likely to be in a great hurry to get into hot climates and possibly hot water again. I suppose, however, it will not now be very long before he has to depart for his destination, as the Colonial Office is, not without good reason, averse to the principle of having "acting" Governors.

I have been endeavouring to find out what the numerous Japanese students of law to be found at the various Inns of Court intend to do on being called to the Bar. There must be at present, on a small computation, certainly not less than ten entering Japanese so engaged. Probably the idea of some of them is to assist in the compilation of the new Code of Laws now being framed with the aid of two French Jurists at Yeddo. I am told that the completion of this Code will probably be an affair of eight to ten years' labour—a very little job for the Lawyers concerned. Whether it will be quite equal to that of Justinian, which the Japanese are studying so diligently at the Inns of Court, remains to be seen.

The Attachés &c. of the Chinese Embassy were yesterday presented to the Queen by the Chinese Minister. Alcock and Wade were both looking on, and must have felt supremely happy at this evidence of the way in which China is pushing herself forward if not progressing.

I heard a day or two ago of a rather amusing incident illustrative of the sporting capabilities of the Chinese residents. It seems that two old "China hands" rented a large estate in the country to indulge their favourite diversion of shooting, and they proved themselves such adepts in the consequence of their practice with the particularly wild fowl of the Flowery Land that they cleared the whole place of game in a couple of days.

There is great rejoicing here among Chinese residents at the satisfactory nature of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Report, the telegraphic summary of which appeared in this morning's money articles. So many here have made the shares a means of permanent investment that it is undoubtedly a matter for much congratulation that affairs have come out so well. I see the shares have risen no less than 50 per cent. since July last.

London, March 16, 1877.

An extraordinary project has, I hear, been set on foot here, having for its object the adoption of some steps which will have the effect of causing the Teas which hitherto have been bought at Hankow and the other River ports, to be brought down to Shanghai, so that all the business may be done there. The idea is not a bad one, but I do not see myself that there is much chance of its ever succeeding. At all events, nothing can be done for the present season; and, though the movement is being backed by one or two influential people, I should be by no means surprised to find that long before next year it has vanished into thin air. No doubt, in the course of time, trade is likely to gravitate more and more towards Shanghai, in place of being spread over a variety of ports; but any attempt to force this result forward will be certain to fail, as all attempts at influencing trade artificially fail everywhere.

The paper on Formosa which was read by Mr. Allen of the Consular Service before the R.oyal Geographical Society last week was one of the easiest I have ever heard. I cannot understand how Sir Rutherford Alcock can have admitted it. Perhaps the Geographical Society like other such institutions gets a little hard up for "matter" at times; but still one would have thought something a little more elaborate could have been obtained. The paper was full of local allusions and local expressions quite unintelligible to people here, and contained little more than mere notes of the daily incidents in his journey. Sir Rutherford's remarks, however, are worth perusal.

The *Daily Telegraph* I see is still persisting in its sensational articles as to the likelihood of "cheap Chinese labour" finding its way to England. This seems to be one of its favourite hobbies. A few days ago it had an effusion on this subject which would make any one who was not aware of the fact believe we were likely to see a few thousand Chinese landing here in a week or two at farthest. I suspect the time is a little farther off than that, though it is certainly not impossible that the day may come when the Chinese will make their appearance here.

The prospects of the coming Tea Season are being discussed. People have been very much bitten by the market last season having been overstocked with common Congous, and it is to be hoped that the losses they are now suffering will make them a little cautious at the opening. A "teaman" to whom I was speaking a few days ago, expressed his opinion that the market would not improve unless some 30,000,000 lbs. diminution in export resulted from the present state of things. This, no doubt, is an exaggeration, but it is in this direction that improvement must be looked for. The market here cannot but be "sick" so long as Teas keep pouring upon it from China, whatever its state and prospects may happen to be.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice
SIR JOHN SMITH.)
23rd April, 1877.

CHILD-STEALING.

Ow Ayew was indicted on two counts for stealing a male child named Fai Wan Cheong, the grandson of one Chun A Tim, a widow, residing at Macao. The first count charged him with childstealing by force, and the second with the same offence by fraud. The facts of the case were very simple, while the evidence was the same. That adduced before the Police Court, and enquiries were instituted. Two women happened to go on board Kungmoon passage boat, and there the prisoner was found in the company of the prisoner, who brought the child on board. The evidence was so conclusive that the jury brought in a verdict of guilty on the 2nd count without any deliberation. He was sentenced to three years' penal servitude and to be thrice whipped 20 strokes each time.

The following gentlemen composed the jury:—Messrs Donald Brizell, Andrew Wolters, Wm. Legge, Wm. Lapsley, A. Millar, M. A. Da Silva and Wm. Schriever.

A HEARTLESS ROBBERY.

Wong Aming was arraigned on six counts for robbing a female child of age of a pair of bangles and a pair of anklets, and with cutting and wounding her with intent to murder &c. on the 27th March last. The facts were briefly these. The child in question was playing outside the street when the prisoner enticed her to go with him to see some exhibition of dolls. The child refused and the prisoner took her up by the arms to a place on the hill-side, when the prisoner took off her bangles and anklets and hacked her about on the head, the object being, as the child, who appeared to be very intelligent, stated, was that she should not be able hereafter to identify the perpetrator. After having robbed and cut the child in a furious manner, the prisoner put a heavy stone on her and then left. A constable on duty on Queen's Road West near the Koshing Theatre. He saw a child sitting on the top of the precipitous under-neath the Basin Mission House. One of her legs was over the edge of the embankment, while with one hand she had hold of some shrubs. The Constable went up at once to her assistance and found that she was much hacked about. She was bleeding profusely and was calling out "have life, Oh Mamma!"

The Constable took her up at once and covered her up with his cape. He asked what was the matter with her, and she said she had been robbed and cut. On being asked if she knew where the robber was she said she could not say; she was, however, nearly fainting from the loss of blood. The Constable took her to the Station; on the way a crowd was collected, and the mother came forward to claim her child. The child was then sent to Hospital, she was treated, and she now appeared with marks that would become permanent scars as long as she lived. Dr Wharry, the Superintendent of the Hospital, and he described the nature of the wounds. The prisoner in his defence simply denied that he was the man, that he was sick on the day of the robbery, but he did not produce any satisfactory evidence on his behalf.

The Jury retired, and after a considerable deliberation returned with a verdict of guilty by 4 to 3.

His Lordship reserved sentence and the sessions were adjourned till Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, to-morrow being the day for hearing Summary Jurisdiction cases.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

April 23, 1877.

STINK-POTS.

Mak Atai, the master of a junk, was charged by Mr. MacClellan, Inspector of cargo boats attached to the Harbour Master's Department, with having two stink-pots on board, against the law of the Colony. The defendant said he had the stink-pots for his own protection. Fined \$5.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Lam Afuk, a coolie, was charged by Acting Inspector Swanton with having in his possession an iron wrench, some candles and a towel, for which he could not account. The Inspector received information of an attack by burglars on a house at Belcher's Bay and of the parties concerned having fled to Aberdeen. Mr Swanton went on with a party of Police, and visited a coolie house in which some 10 or 12 coolies had been stopping. He found the prisoner there alone, and there were found therein an iron wrench, a few candles and a towel. The first he said was bought from a Hongkong hawk; the candles he got from the Docks; and the towel he picked up from the side of the ship that was lost there repaired. This was H.M.S. *Modeste*. The defendant was fined 10 shillings for unlawful possession and was discharged from the charge of burglary.

A MODEL PAWNBROKER.

The master of the Tung Sang pawnshop again appeared to answer the charge of taking in pledges without asking the names and addresses of the pawners. There were three different cases proved against him and he was fined \$100 for each offence or \$300 in all.

A "TOPPING" GLASS.

Sayfroid Safford, described as a painter by profession, a German by birth, and, moreover, a passenger by the P. & O. steamer *Danube*, was charged with being drunk. He was brought to the station in that state. The defendant said he had been ill and very little liquor would have an effect on him. Fined 50 cents.

A DOUBTFUL CASE.

Salvado Dorantes, a servant on board the Spanish vessel *Carmel*, was charged with stealing a packet from a Chinese shop. The defendant went into the complainant's shop to buy an overcoat. While he was inspecting it two other seamen came suddenly and the prisoner ran away at once, taking with him the jacket. He was, however, arrested. The defence the defendant gave was that he was afraid of the other seamen and that in the hurry of his flight he forgot to give up the jacket. The defendant was sent to one month's hard labour. Subsequently the Captain of the ship appeared and gave the defendant a good character. He had charge of the Captain's money and had always been found honest. The Magistrate gave the defendant the benefit of the doubt and discharged him.

LATE TELEGRAMS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

(Strictly Times.)

Berlin, March 3.—Prince Blumark has tendered his resignation, which the Emperor refuses to accept, but has granted him a prolonged leave of absence from his duties. The resignation is attributed to a dispute with General Stosch, Minister of Marine, who has also tendered his resignation, which the Emperor has refused to accept.

Constantinople, April 4.—It is rumoured that the Porte sends a note to the Powers treating the Protocol as assembling (if assailing) the dignity of the Ottoman Empire.

Berlin, April 4.—It is semi-officially denied that Bismarck has resigned. Overwork has caused his temporary retirement.

Trincomalee, April 5.—The ship *City of Berlin*, chartered from Glasgow to Rangoon with coal, got on fire off the Eastern coast of Ceylon. She signalled for a pilot off Trincomalee on Monday, and is now in the inner harbour. The fire is being got under by the engines.

B. M. Ship *Aras* is refitting, and has orders to proceed to the Maldives in search of a French vessel supposed to have been lost with passengers on board.

Calcutta, March 23.—Sir John Strachey concluded his reply in the Budget debate as follows:—"It is the object of this Government first to borrow altogether as little as possible. Secondly, when they must borrow, to obtain as much money as possible in India, so as to avoid incurring obligations, defined by the gold standard. I desire to say further that the Government of India are quite alive to the fact that the interests of the State in this matter are identical with those of its creditors, and that whatever may be our measures for the supply of the treasury during the year, the interests of proprietors of our existing securities will be carefully considered."

Gombay, March 28.—Major Barlow writes indignantly to the papers that the Egyptians will not allow him to reach Abyssinia to take command of the army of that State.

Calcutta, March 28.—The Viceroy said in his speech at the adjourned Budget debate to-day, that out State book-keeping is not so good as it ought to be. The Secretary of State has left the Government discretionary power only as to the time and mode of the abolition of cotton duties. The negotiations with the Native States for the abolition of inland customs duties are proceeding satisfactorily. The Government of India cannot afford to go on borrowing to meet their engagements. His Excellency justified their decision of September last not to alter the standard of value of Indian currency. If there should be a failure of rain in the Madras Presidency next month, the famine was likely to assume still larger dimensions than at present. The famine expenditure must be provided for from income. The Frontier policy of the Government was peaceful, but the Government would be always prepared for action when necessary. They had no intention to interfere in Cabul. No unrequited concessions will be granted or obligations incurred on our part in relations with the Government. It will be ready to reciprocate and assist them. If not the Government cannot accept or acknowledge unrequited liabilities. His Excellency promised, in conclusion, that he would avail himself of every opportunity of taking the public into his confidence as he had done to-day.

Bombay, March 28.—There was an important meeting of the Town Council of Bombay yesterday, to discuss the condition of 13,000 famine-stricken people in the city, whose presence is ignored by the Government. In proof of the insufficiency of reduced famine rations, the Health Officer says the deaths in the whole city have doubled. Evidence was given of the awful overcrowding and filthy condition of the immigrants. Rs. 10,000 was granted to provide hospital sheds. In spite of the opposition of Government supporters, the meeting resolved to ask the Government to contribute to the relief fund. There were sharp showers this morning.

Bombay, March 28.—Eight medical officers have been despatched to Dharwar, where cholera is bad.

Ahmedabad, March 25.—An extensive fire broke out in the City last night, by which 250 houses were burnt. The Collector was very energetic, but the water supply was deficient. There has been no loss of life, but an immense destruction of property is reported.

Captain Walter Yeldham, of the 10th Hussars, who was well known in India as "Alph Cheem," has retired on halfpay.

Mr. T. T. Cooper is re-appointed to his political agency at Bhamo, and was to leave Calcutta on Monday to relieve Captain C. B. Cook. In Bhamo as much as anywhere, the Government of India wants a strong and safe man; and Mr Cooper not only fulfils these conditions, but has experience as well.

Alahabad, March 30.—Colonel Macgregor and Captain Lockwood, who started from Europe for India by overland, have arrived at Gundava, this side of the Bolan Pass, and fifty miles from Khelat. Gundava was the scene of Sandeman's accident on the 12th inst. Being met by the Khan's escort, his horse became restive and Sandeman was thrown, fracturing a rib.

The number of persons on relief work in Madras in the week ended the 25th March showed an increase of 5,000. There was a decrease in Kurnool, Bellary and Nellore, an increase in Ondolore, North Arcot, Salem and Madura. 90,000 persons were fed gratuitously in Mysore 7,000 were employed, and 47,000 gratuitously fed.

The week's deaths in Bombay were 711, or at the rate of 55 per mil per annum (London, April 4.—The Princess of Wales has started for the Mediterranean. The Prince follows her on Tuesday.

General Alexander Edwards has been appointed Colonel of the 2nd Queen's.

A semi-official provincial correspondent of Berlin states that Prince Bismarck will be relieved of the direction of the Foreign and Internal Affairs of the Empire.

The troopship *Malabar* has arrived at Portsmouth to-day.

Washington, April 4.—President Hayes has withdrawn the troops from the Carolina State House.

London, April 5.—Homeward Mail, (Galle 16th March), arrived at Brindisi. Consols 95½. Bar Silver 53½. Exchange on India 1/4.

Bank Returns.—Reserve of Notes, £11,900,000; Bills discounted, £22,900,000; Bullion, £26,000,000.

London, April 6.—The text of the Russian Protocol published recognises the necessity of maintaining the European concert, and favours the recognition of the Montenegrin frontier. It invites the Porte to replace its army on a peace footing, and hopes for their energetic cooperation, which

the Ambassadors of the six guaranteeing Powers at Constantinople will watch, and if disappointed the Great Powers will consider together the best means of securing the well-being of the Christians in Turkey and the general peace.

Constantinople, April 5.—The Porte is displeased with the terms of the proposed protocol, and will probably refuse immediate disarmament. The Montenegrin delegates maintain their demands. Great uncertainty exists.

DIRECTIONS FOR APPROACHING PAKHOI.

The following directions, supplied by Captain Cooker, of the Chinese gun-boat *Ferret*, for vessels approaching the newly opened Port of Pak-hoi, are published in the *Government Gazette* of Saturday:

The Port of Kiung-chow, which is commonly called Ho-how by Foreigners in China, is not known by that name in Hainan, but is called there Hai-k'ao, a fact which it is well for a captain of a vessel to bear in mind. The captain of a vessel starting from Hai-k'ao, for Pak-hoi ought, before weighing anchor, to ascertain the condition of the tidal current which runs East and West and vice versa with great force in the Hainan Straits, and in his subsequent navigation to make due allowance for its effect.

It is the simplest and safest plan to leave in the evening and to steer from the centre of the Hainan straits west till Hai-k'ao is 30 miles distant, so as to keep absolutely clear of any danger off Cape Camie.

Having gone thus far, a course N.W. & W. for 34 miles and then a course North for 30 miles further ought to bring a steamer about daylight to the first land, namely the small island called on the charts Chayune, but known to Chinese as Ch'ieh Yang. This island, which is high and bold, lies about 24 miles S.E. off Kuan-tow Head in lat. 20 deg. 4' N. and long. 109 deg. 13' E. About 7 miles to the N.W. of it is the island of Wei-chow, called on the charts Guichow, though larger in area the latter island is much less elevated than Ch'ieh Yang (Chayune). To the E.N.E. of Wei-chow (Guichow), where there is a Catholic Missionary residence, a coral reef extends for about a mile. After passing Ch'ieh Yang (Chayune) about ½ a mile to the East of it in 9 or 10 fathoms and keeping well clear of the reef off Wei-chow (Guichow), a course to N.N.W. will lead to Kuan-tow Head which will make as an island.

There are five fathoms of water to within ½ a mile of this headland. Between the island of Ch'ieh Yang (Chayune) and Kuan-tow Head innumerable heavy fishingstakes exist which render it a very imprudent thing for a vessel to attempt to navigate this distance after dark.

Kuan-tow Head is a bold headland 380 feet high, forming the western extremity of a narrow peninsula of which the northern extremity is the projecting beach on which the village of Tikok, one of the limits of the Pak-hoi anchorage, is built. To enter the harbour after having reached about ½ a mile to the West of Kuan-tow Head, a vessel should steer for the Northern end of the fishing stakes which will now be seen to the N.E. planted seaward the entrance of the harbour in tiers running N.N.W. from the village of Tikok for a distance of 830 yards, taking care not to get into less water than three fathoms, as a sand spit runs out in a N.E. direction from the N.N.W. point of the Head; at the same time a vessel must not go too far off as there is a sand-bank running East and West to the N. of the fishing stakes. The fishing stakes can be passed close alongside (some in fact occupy the deepest part of the channel), after which a course East by South for a short distance takes a vessel to her anchorage.

There is a detached hill to the East of Kuan-tow Head 130 feet high, known as Tikok Hill. When this hill bears South-West and the Northern end of the fishing stakes bears West & North, good anchorage will be found in 4½ fathoms at low water.

The tides at Pak-hoi are not regular. There is as a rule only one tide in the 24 hours, which varies in its rise and fall from eight feet to seventeen feet.

The soundings from Hai-k'ao to Pak-hoi are regular, and by attention to the lead notice of approach to land will be given in ample time to avoid accident.

As the positions of Ch'ieh Yang (Chayune) Wei-chow (Guichow) and Kuan-tow Head were incorrectly laid down in the old charts, care ought to be taken to use chart No. 2062 Admiralty, corrected up to March, 1872, on information furnished by Captain Cooker of the *Ling Feng*. The position of the village of Tikok is Lat. 21° 28' N. and Long. 109° 5' E. The anchorage at Pak-hoi is good and safe in any weather.

It is protected on the North by a sandbank having a few feet of water at low tide. This bank lies in the direction E.N.E. and extends for about ½ mile on either side of the stakes, passing the Northern extremity at a distance of about 60 yards.

On the South and East the anchorage is protected by the sea beach. The exposed side faces the West, but it is stated that there is no force in the Westerly winds here. The holding ground, which consists of mud and sand, is good. The entire space to the North-West, North and North-East of the sandbank forming the Northern limit of the anchorage as far as the opposite sea-shore, which is some 8 or 9 miles distant, is taken up by lines of sandbanks, generally running East and West, some of which are exposed at low water. It is only possible for junks to navigate this part of the bay.

THOS. S. COCKER, Captain *Ferret*, Pakhoi, End-April, 1877.

CORRESPONDENCE.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S LANDING.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

April 18, 1877.

Sir.—Whatever we may be capable of doing in Hongkong, it must be evident to all, after yesterday evening's performance, that we are not great in landing our distinguished civil servants when they arrive in the Colony. The late arrival of the Administrator gave every one the idea that the spasmodic nature of the salutes gave the impression that no one seemed to be able of his duty. I trust that we will be able to prove to His Excellency that we did not intend to show any coldness towards him.

The little incident which took place at the landing, however, in which a high representative of the Chinese Militant took part, was well worth waiting to see.

Yours &c.,

A. Z.

Quotations.

Hongkong, April 28, 1877.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash... \$577½ a 580
" New Bonares, cash, 550
" New Malwa, cash, 560
" credit, 565
" Allowance Teels, 12 a 40
" Old Malwa, cash, 580
" credit, 585
" Allowance Teels, 24 a 38
" 24 a 18½
QUICKSILVER, ... 61½ a 63
SALT-PETRE, ... 5.75 a 6.40

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/11½
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/11½
" 6 months' sight, ... 4/0
Credits, ... 4/0
Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 4/0
Bombay, ... 22½
Calcutta, ... 22½
Shanghai, demand, ... 78
" 30 days, ... 73½
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... 0 (prom.
Mexicans, ... 24 (nom.
Gold Leaf, ... 25.75
English Sovereigns, ... 5
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5
Discount, ... 7 a 9

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 25 % pm.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$670
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$2,250
China & Japan Marine, \$212
Chinese Insurance Co., \$212
E.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$637½
China Fire Ins. Co., \$147
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 35 % dia.
H.K. O. & M. S.-boat Co., \$12 % dlv.
Shanghai Steam Navigation 30 ex dividend.
Gas 875 nom.
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$55 per share
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$108 ex 4/1½

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falcener & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

Hongkong, April 23, 1877.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 29.912
Do 1 P.M. ... 29.870
Do 4 P.M. ... 29.838
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 77
Do 1 P.M. ... 77½
Do 4 P.M. ... 78
Do (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 76
Do Do 1 P.M. 77
Do Do 4 P.M. 77
Do Maximum ... 78
Do Minimum over night 76

Shipping Intelligence.

SOME SHIPPING.

The following is corrected from the latest London Papers:—

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 28, Inc. from Greenock to Swatow.
Dec. 23, John Nicholson, from New York to Shanghai.
Dec. 27, Undine, from London to Shanghai.
Dec. 29, Canaan, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Jan. 4, C. R. Bishop, from London to Hongkong.
Jan. 11, Windhover, from London to Shanghai.
Jan. 12, Woodhall, from Hamburg to Hongkong.
Jan. 12, Hope, from London to Hongkong.
Jan. 16, Grylls, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Jan. 18, Batavia, from Hamburg to Hongkong.
Jan. 31, Forward Ho, from London to Shanghai.
Feb. 1, Robert Henderson, from Buryport to Hongkong.
Feb. 2, Polyneia, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

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JAS. B. COUGHRAN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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(LIMITED.)

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Hongkong, April 27, 1873.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1876.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

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Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1873.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Underigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

Mails.

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Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 30th Inst. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, April 3, 1877.

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